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11. (C) Department of Foreign Affairs Director General for the Middle East and North Africa Gordon E. Venner promised PolMinCouns on December 14 that Canada would "certainly do what we can in concert with other like minded Embassies in Teheran" to seek information from the Iranian government about missing Amcitr Robert Levinson (reftel). He noted, however, that in the wake of the December 3 expulsion of the Canadian Ambassador in Teheran (following DFAIT's refusal to grant agreement to two Iranian candidates in a row as Ambassador to Ottawa), Canada is probably "not the best placed to influence the Iranians" on our behalf.

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